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Dear Joe:

W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.

Secretary of Natural Resources

DEQ held a series of public outreach meetings in October and November at our seven regional offices. One of the recurring themes we heard throughout the State was a concern over sediment and erosion control and the management of stormwater. If you visit our web site at http://www.deq.virginia.gov/info/meetings/homepage.html you will see a summary of the public comments.

Since the state sediment and erosion control program resides with your agency and you will soon be assuming responsibility for the stormwater construction permitting program, I know that these concerns will be of particular interest to you.

These comments came to DEQ as a result of our community involvement initiative to learn more about the environmental interests of Virginians across the state. We have emphasized with the public that we will help address concerns they raised, and I will be happy to work with you to accomplish that. Please let me know if DEQ can provide any assistance.

Sincerely,

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